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LEVY SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced this afternoon that District Judge Royal Furgeson sentenced Louis B. Levy, Jr., of San Antonio to forty-one months in federal prison for evading the payment of payroll taxes of Willcox & Associates, Inc.

"Instead of doing the duty that we all share, the obligation to pay taxes, Mr. Levy converted a large sum of money for his own personal enjoyment. Today, he was held to account," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Furgeson ordered Levy to pay a \$100.00 fine, and be placed on supervised released for a period of three years after completing his prison term. As part of Levy's plea agreement he will pay restitution to the victim which will be set by the court at a later date.

On September 30, 2004, Levy pleaded guilty to attempting to evade or defeat tax. Levy admitted that the amount of payroll taxes for Willcox & Associates, Inc, the payment of which he evaded for the quarters from the fourth quarter 2000 through the third quarter of 2002, were \$747,591.50.

"IRS recognizes the detrimental consequences that this type of crime has with the loss of tax revenue to the United States government and the loss of future social security or Medicare benefits for the employees," stated Harlan J. Carter, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, San Antonio Field Office. "This was a crime of greed. Mr. Levy embezzled corporate funds which were to have been used to pay the tax and converted these funds for personal use."

This case was investigated by agents of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation and prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney William R. Harris.

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